

DAVID SAYRES.

APRIL 13, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BUFFINTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of David Sayres, praying to be allowed bounty land for his services during the late war with Mexico, report :*

That the petitioner alleges that he was employed as interpreter and clerk in the commissary department in the late war with Mexico, and acted in that capacity from a time shortly after the occupation of the city of Mexico by the American army, in 1847, till the close of the war, in 1848, and was regularly discharged in New Orleans in June of the last-mentioned year.

Conceiving himself to be entitled to bounty land under the act of March 3, 1855, he presented his claim to the Commissioner of Pensions, who rejected it, and on an appeal to the Secretary of the Interior the decision of the Commissioner of Pensions was affirmed. He submits that his claim for bounty land, if not within the letter, is within the spirit of the acts of Congress granting bounty lands for military services, and asks a special act for his relief.

The committee can see no reason why bounty land should be granted to the petitioner in preference to numerous others who performed similar services, and whose cases are not embraced within the general laws. If the general laws are not comprehensive enough to embrace the class of service performed by the petitioner, and if it is right and expedient to grant bounty lands for that kind of service, the proper remedy would be by general and not special legislation.

Your committee, therefore, report adversely to the prayer of the petition.

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Mr. Chairman, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of David Sayre, praying to be allowed bounty for his services during the late war with Mexico, report

That the petitioner alleges that he was employed as a private in the 1st California Infantry in the late war with Mexico, and acted in that capacity from a short time after the beginning of the war in 1846 to the termination of the war in 1848, and was regularly discharged in 1848 in honor of his services.

Accordingly, he claims to be entitled to bounty for his services during the late war with Mexico, and he prays that the bill be passed.

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